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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 1716
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 4696

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: SENATE COMMITTEE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: A) STATE 153485; B) STATE 150219

1. RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT THE SENATORIAL GROUP VISITING BERBERA STOP OFF IN JIDDA ON ITS WAY TO ATHENS JULY 5 TO BRIEF HIGH LEVEL SAUDIS ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR SOMALI VISIT. WHILE WE CANNOT BE SURE UNTIL WE HAVE BROACHED THE IDEA WITH THE SAUDIS, WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT WE COULD ARRANGE FOR A MEETING AT THE LEVEL OF MINDEF SULTAN OR MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON JULY 5. JIDDA IS PRACTICALLY ON A DIRECT LINE FROM SOMALIA TO ATHENS AND NO MAJOR DETOUR SHOULD BE INVOLVED.

2. WE ARE CONSCIOUS THAT THE SENATORIAL GROUP MIGHT NOT HAVE ANYTHING DRAMATIC TO TELL THE SAUDIS, BUT IN OUR VIEW THE MOST IMPORTANT THING AT THIS TIME IS TO DEMON-
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STRATE TO THE SAUDIS OUR OPENNESS AND WILLINGNESS TO CON-
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3. SENATORS BARTLETT AND BELLMON ARE KNOWN TO THE SAUDIS. THEIR IMPACT IS LIKELY TO BE FAVORABLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE US TO PROPOSE TO THE SAG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A STOPOVER BY THE SENATORIAL GROUP. WE WILL KEEP THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY STOPOVER SIMPLE (PROBABLY ONLYHTHE TWO SENATORS AND NOYES FROM THE GROUP SHOULD ATTEND THE BRIEFING) BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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